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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Education and Cultural Affairs*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 57 **An Act To Provide Free Tuition to Students Achieving Learning Results Standards** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISCHER MITCHELL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 57 proposed to provide full tuition for the first year at any state postsecondary educational institution for Maine residents who are Maine high school graduates and have achieved state learning results standards.

LD 84 **An Act Regarding Interscholastic Athletics** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN CUMMINGS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 84, which was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to implement the recommendations of the Interscholastic Athletics Task Force. This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 96 **An Act To Increase the Adult Education State Subsidy by a Specific Percentage** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROTUNDO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-63
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LD 96 proposed to appropriate funds to increase the state subsidy for the adult education program within the Department of Education by 6% per year in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-63) proposed to provide that the appropriation of funds to increase the state subsidy for the adult education program within the Department of Education would be reduced from 6% per year in the bill to 4% per year in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

This bill and its adopted amendments were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.